



“Spirit of the Heartland”

Monday, May 23, 2016
City Services Center, City of Cedar Rapids
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Presentation: At 9:00 AM, prior to the chapter meeting, Megan Dusing and Melissa Tiedemann, senior Environmental Scientist and Senior Environmental Planner for Stanley Consultants, gave presentations on Threatened and Endangered Species, Wetlands and Brownfields.

Welcome and Call to Order: President Rita Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 10:58 AM.

Secretary Carol Morgan confirmed the following members and guests in attendance:

Members:

- Rita Rasmussen, President
- Brian Currie, President-Elect
- Carrol McCracken, Treasurer
- Carol Morgan, Secretary
- Sarah Cook, Nominations and Elections Chair
- Chad Johnson
- Joe Anderson
- Vicky Kitelinger
- Don Corrigan
- Liz Van Zomeren
- Mary Kay Solberg
- Amy Schirm
- Karen Downs
- Martin Corey
- Rick Kullander
- Jay Walton
- Jami Hill
- James Coffey
- Rob Emmerson
- Lawrence Bryant
- Megan Hudachek
- Christopher Happ
- Craig Reischauer
- Sandy Sells
- Steve Chapman
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- 11 Guests

Secretary's Report: There were no revisions to the March meeting minutes, and a motion was made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Carrol McCracken presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no revisions, a motion was made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Region 3 Spring Forum: Was held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 18 - 19, 2016. There was a tie for Professional of the Year: Mindy Leadholm, Chapter 20 and Amy Spilman, Chapter 72.

IRWA International Conference: To be held June 12 – 15, 2016 in Nashville with 6 members attending.

Board of Director's Meeting will be voting on:

1. Change in bylaws to approve three categories for members: regular (active and inactive), student and retired.
2. IEC Candidate: Sharon Slauenwhite, SR/WA
3. Mike Murray, SR/WA, Chapter 72 (former Region Chair) is Balfour Finalist
4. Voting on 2021 Conference Location, to be held in San Antonio, Texas or Ottawa, Canada

Golf Hole Donation for RWIEF: Voted in March and approved \$300, however, Region 3 Chair proposed Diamond level of \$2,500 which is \$360 per chapter. A motion was made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Our region will be donating an iPod Touch with 15 songs and 5-6 movies representing our region. Our portion of the cost will be \$99.74. A motion was made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Fall Forum 2016: Fall Forum will be held on October 6 – 7, and the Grand Harbor Resort Dubuque hotel has been booked for this event. Course 505, Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance, will be presented on Thursday, October 6th. There will be a cruise aboard the American Lady Yacht that evening from 5:30 – 7PM. Cost is \$19.95 per person with no cost to members and guests to pay \$19.95 each. Chips and dip, beer and soft drinks will be provided. Rita will check into adding cheese and crackers and possibly appetizers. Shelly researched reserving a trolley to transport people from the hotel to the yacht and back. The trolley holds 28 people, and the cost is \$175 per trolley. Rita will check on the deadline for trolley reservations. A motion was made to reserve and provide trolley transportation, and was seconded to approve with all in favor.

YP Meeting TBD.

Friday, there will be a business meeting and Fall Forum with a presentation on non-verbal communication.

Rita stated that we would like to have sponsors for lunch and refreshments. Carrol said that JCG Land would agree to be a sponsor and requested an idea of total costs for lunch and refreshments.

Chapter Officers:

President/Director – Brian Currie, SR/WA
President-Elect/Director – Carrol McCracken
Treasurer – Jami Hill
Secretary – Carol Morgan

Sarah Cook requested other nominations three times for each office, motions were made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Chapter Committee Chairs:
Education – Dwayne Myers

Membership – Shelly Whiteing, SR/WA
Nominations and Elections – Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA
Professional Development – Sarah Cook, SR/WA
Ethics – Chris Happ
Utility Chair – Dave Hingtgen
Surveying Chair – Chad Johnson

Motions were made and seconded to approve with all in favor.
Installations will be held at our next meeting.

Committee Reports

PDC: Joe Anderson said that we are transitioning from the old certification program to the new one. The deadline has been extended to December 31st to get course work done for SR/WA candidates. After December 31st, new rules will apply. Chris Happ is Right of Way and Relocation Assistance candidate.

Nominations and Elections: Sarah Cook – nothing new to report.

Education: Dwayne Myers was absent, however, Course 505 will be held in October.

Ethics: Chris Happ – nothing new to report.

Membership: Shelly Whiteing was absent, however, new members are Karen Downs, Lawrence Bryant, Crystal Dinsmore. James Coffey is transferring from Colorado.

Young Professionals: Sarah Cook – 40 people attended the networking event at the Spring Forum Sunday evening.

Chapter Program and Meeting Schedule: Rita Rasmussen – this is her last meeting and will be turning responsibilities over to Brian Currie. The next chapter meeting will need to be held before the Fall Forum. Des Moines was suggested for the location of our next meeting and a Friday meeting was suggested. The meeting will be in August or September, and please let Rita know of any program ideas before then.

Website: Joe Anderson – let Joe know of any updates or announcements for the website.

Other Discussion: No other business was discussed.

At 11:48 AM, a motion was made to adjourn, and the motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morgan, Secretary